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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING SOURCE OF NEWSPRINT

1. COOPERATIVE PRINTING COMPANY S.A.L., A PUBLISHING COOPERATIVE OWNED, LARGELY, BY THE OWNERS OF THE SEVERAL LEBANESE PUBLICATIONS THAT ARE PRINTED ON OTS PRESSES (IMPORTANTLY, THE AN-NAHAR GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES AMONG OTHERS, THE LEADING ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY, AN-NAHAR, AND THE LEADING FRENCH DAILY, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR), IS INTERESTED IN FINDING A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR 1,000 TO 1,500 TONS OF NEWSPRINT IN 1974. ABDUL KARIM MATAR, COOPERATIVE'S GENERAL MANAGER, WILL BE IN NEW YORK WEEK OF JANUARY 28. WOULD LIKE MEET, AT THAT TIME, REPRESENTATIVES POTENTIALLY INTERESTED SUPPLIERS.

2. COOPERATIVE HAS BEEN DEALING AND CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH PRICE PAPER CORP., NEW YORK, N.Y. ACCORDING MATAR, PRICE PROMISED LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE 4,000 TONS, OR ALL COOPERATIVE'S REQUIREMENTS, IN 1974. HAS NOW, HOWEVER, REDUCED AMOUNT OFFERED TO 1,200 TONS. COOPERATIVE EXPECTS RECEIVE ANOTHER 2,000 TONS FROM AUSTRIA AND 300 TONS FROM FINNS, FOR TOTAL OF 3,500 TONS. REQUIRES ADDITIONAL 1,000 - 1,500 TONS TO COVER EXPECTED NEEDS.

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3. MATAR WILL BE DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH PRICE IN

NEW YORK AND MAY BE ABLE TO CONVINCE PRICE TO SUPPLY THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NEEDED. IF PRICE UNABLE PROVIDE, HOWEVER, MATA WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO OTHER POSSIBLE U.S. SOURCES (PRICE SUPPLIES FROM CANADA, AND MATAR PREFERS THAT SECOND SOURCE BE U.S., NOT CANADA). REQUEST NAMES ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, IF AVAILABLE, FOR MATAR, PRIOR HIS JANUARY 26 DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OR THAT NAMES BE COMMUNICATED TO HIM DIRECTLY AT ST. REGIS HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, ANYTIME PERIOD JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 1.

4. FYI. COOPERATIVE PRINTING COMPANY S.A.L. IS HIGHLY REPUTABLE AND RECOMMENDED LEBANESE ENTERPRISE, AND AN-NAHAR GROUP IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS PUBLISHERS OF WESTERN-ORIENTED PERIODICALS OF GOOD QUALITY. MATAR'S TRIP TO STATES HAS AS ITS MAIN PURPOSE THE CONCLUSION OF FORMALITIES SURROUNDING COOPERATIVE'S PURCHASE, FROM COTTRELL DIVISION, HARRIS INTERTYPE, OF NEW PRINTING PRESS (WHICH IS TO BE PARTLY FINANCED BY EX-IM).  
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